

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1552 – HB 1895

April 20, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006333): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and authorizes a hospital chief of staff to voice concern to the Boards of Medical Examiners and Osteopathic Examiners when a licensed physician has agreed to serve as an on-call physician and has failed on multiple occasions to take action within a timeframe enunciated through hospital policy.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Any increase in expenditures incurred by the Boards of Medical Examiners and Osteopathic Examiners for necessary rule changes or to investigate any concerns or complaints that may be filed due to the provisions of the bill will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board of Medical Examiners had a positive balance of \$108,302.81.
- The Board of Osteopathic Examiners had positive balances of \$777.53 in FY06-07 and \$18,323.96 in FY07-08. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a negative cumulative balance of \$47,356.67.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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